



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

June 15, 2006

For immediate release

- 1. Wastewater fees, siting of animal feeding operations on June EPC agenda**
- 2. Midwest Radioactive Waste Commission meeting next Friday**

WASTEWATER FEES, SITING OF ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS ON JUNE EPC AGENDA

CENTERVILLE – The Environmental Protection Commission will consider proposals to collect fees for wastewater permits and to allow the DNR more discretion on the locations of livestock facilities at their June 19 meeting in Centerville.

Commissioners will consider the final adoption of a rule that would allow the department more flexibility to evaluate the location of proposed animal feeding operations. If adopted, the DNR could evaluate construction permit applications and new manure management plans for their potential to cause water pollution or other adverse effects on the state's natural resources.

In other action, commissioners will be asked to approve collecting fees for wastewater permits that the DNR issues as specifically allowed by legislation.

The 2007 intended use plans for the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Funds are also up for approval. The programs provide low interest loans for improvements to wastewater, storm water and drinking water infrastructure; and to non-point source water quality projects.

Commissioners will also be asked to approve more than 10 contracts designed to monitor or improve water and air quality.

The meeting will be held at 10 a.m. at the Rathbun Rural Water Association, 16166 Highway J29 in Centerville. Public participation is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. The meeting is open to the public.

A presentation on the Rathbun Lake Special Project and a tour are scheduled for the afternoon of June 18. A tour of the Rathbun Rural Water Treatment plant is scheduled prior to the commission meeting on June 19. Please contact Lisa Nissen, DNR, at (515) 281-5384 if interested in attending one of these events.

The complete agenda is as follows:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
- Director's Remarks
- Contract – Iowa State University – Intensive Lake Monitoring
- Contract with Iowa Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at Iowa State University for Stream Habitat Assessment
- Contract – Iowa State University – Wetland Biological Monitoring
- Solid Waste Alternatives Program – Recommendations
- Contract – Iowa Materials Exchange – Iowa Waste Exchange Program
- Contract - Iowa State University Extension Service – Manure Applicator Certification Training
- Contract – UHL – Use Assessments/Use Attainability Analysis
- Contract – Salem Associates, Inc.- Operator Certification Interactive Web Pages
- Contract Amendment - Iowa Rural Water Association - Wellhead Protection II
- Contract - Linn County Board of Health - Air Quality Program
- Contract – Polk County Board of Supervisors - Air Quality Program
- Contract - Iowa Department of Economic Development – Small Business Environmental Assistance Liaison
- Contract- SFY 2007 DNR/UHL Air Quality Bureau Support Contract
- Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund – 2007 Intended Use Plans
- Contract – USGS – LiDAR data
- Final Rule: Chapters 22 and 23, Air Quality Program Rules - Updates, Revisions, and Additions
- Final Rule – amendment to rule regarding department evaluation; denial of or condition of construction permits or disapproval or modification of MMPs for confinement feeding operations.
- Final Rule - Designated Wetlands in Iowa
- Final Rule - Uniform Environmental Covenants
- Final Rule - Chapter 64 by adding language to start collecting a fee for wastewater permit
- Attorney General Referral, Pellet Chemical Company, Inc.
- Attorney General Referral, Bulk Petroleum Corporation
- Enforcement Report
- Monthly Reports
- General Discussion
- Items for next month's meeting
- Upcoming Meetings
- July 17, 2006

More information about the agenda items can be found on the DNR Web site under Commissions and Boards at www.iowadnr.com.

The members of the commission are Jerry Peckumn, chair, Jefferson; Francis Thicke, vice chair, Fairfield; Lisa Davis-Cook, secretary, West Des Moines; Donna Buell, Spirit Lake; Mary Gail Scott, Cedar Rapids; David Petty, Eldora; Suzanne Morrow, Storm Lake; Henry Marquard, Muscatine and Darrell Hanson, Manchester. The director of the DNR is Jeff Vonk.

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MIDWEST RADIOACTIVE WASTE COMMISSION MEETING NEXT FRIDAY

DES MOINES – The Midwest Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact Commission will hold its annual meeting by telephone conference call from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday, June 23.

The meeting will be held in the office of the deputy director at the Wallace State Office Building, located at 502 E. 9th Street in Des Moines. The public is welcome to attend.

Iowa DNR Deputy Director Liz Christiansen is a commissioner for the organization. Other states represented include Indiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin.

The meeting agenda includes a review of the financial report and the president's report (including adoption of the 2006-2007 budget).

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